

## Go4iT Report on Port Said to Tangiers Race

Not expecting too much from my participation in first leg of this race series around Africa, no detailed log was kept, and it was not for a couple of days until I appreciated that I was in the top group with the chance of a top ten result. Indeed, for a day or two I was in the unenviable position of actually leading; with the only prospect being of a fall from grace.

Several days into the race, three boats (**CriticalHippo**, **sassy63** and **HappyHour**) split North to avoid a light wind patch, leaving me with a decision to either go with them to cover them or to plug on going West to cover the chasing fleet. I covered the fleet and, for once, did not take the flyer!

In the event, the Northern flyers did pass me but only Critical Hippo managed to stay in front of Go4iT as I battled, rather more keenly than usual, to get back to the podium.

Over the last 48 hours of the race, I had a great tussle with bonknhoot who, totally chilled as we approached the finishing line, then went off for the ~~afternoon sailing in real life in February off Ireland~~ (correction: skiing in Switzerland; the editor)! He totally enjoyed himself and finished 10<sup>th</sup>. A great combination as I see it of ~~actual~~ skiing and virtual sailing for our hard working (thank you; the editor) Principal Race Officer & Vice-Commodore N Hemisphere.

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